

House File 548

H-1204

1 Amend House File 548 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 135.39D Vision screening.**

5 1. The parent or guardian of a child to be enrolled
6 in a public or accredited nonpublic elementary
7 school shall ensure that the child is screened for
8 vision impairment at least once before enrollment in
9 kindergarten and again before enrollment in grade
10 three. The parent or guardian of the child shall
11 ensure that evidence of the vision screening is
12 provided to the school district or accredited nonpublic
13 school in which the child is enrolled. Evidence of
14 the vision screening may be provided either directly
15 from the parent or guardian or from a vision screening
16 provider referred to in subsection 2, and may be
17 provided in either written or electronic form.

18 2. The requirement for vision screening may be
19 satisfied by any of the following:

20 a. A vision screening or comprehensive eye
21 examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or licensed
22 optometrist.

23 b. A vision screening conducted at a pediatrician's
24 or family practice physician's office, a free
25 clinic, a child care center, a local public health
26 department, a public or accredited nonpublic school,
27 or a community-based organization, or by an advanced
28 registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

29 c. An online vision screening, which may be
30 conducted by a child's parent or guardian.

31 d. A photoscreening vision screening, including a
32 vision screening by Iowa kidsight.

33 3. All vision screening methods pursuant to
34 subsection 2, including emerging vision screening
35 technologies, shall be age-appropriate and shall
36 be approved by the department in consultation with
37 leading vision organizations in the state, licensed
38 ophthalmologists, and licensed optometrists.

39 4. A person who performs a vision screening
40 required pursuant to this section shall report the
41 results of the vision screening to the department.
42 The department may collect and maintain such reports
43 through the statewide immunization registry or a
44 private contractor.

45 5. Each public and accredited nonpublic elementary
46 school shall, in collaboration with the department, do
47 the following:

48 a. Provide the parents or guardians of students
49 with vision screening referral resources.

50 b. Arrange for evidence of vision screenings

HF548.1149 (2) 85

(amending this HF

548 to CONFORM to

SF 419)

je/nh

1 provided pursuant to subsection 1 to be forwarded to
2 the department.

3 6. A child shall not be prohibited from attending
4 school based upon the failure of a parent or guardian
5 to ensure that the child has received the vision
6 screening required by this section.

7 7. If a vision screening required pursuant to this
8 section identifies potential vision impairment in a
9 child, the person who performed the vision screening
10 shall, if the person is not a licensed ophthalmologist
11 or licensed optometrist, refer the child to a licensed
12 ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist for a
13 comprehensive eye examination.

14 8. The department shall establish procedures to
15 contact parents or guardians of children identified as
16 having potential vision impairment based on the results
17 of a vision screening required pursuant to subsection
18 1 or a comprehensive eye examination required pursuant
19 to subsection 7 in order to provide information on
20 obtaining necessary vision correction.

21 9. The department may share information with
22 licensed health care providers, agencies, and
23 other persons involved with vision screenings, eye
24 examinations, follow-up services, and intervention
25 services as necessary to administer this section.
26 The department shall adopt rules to protect the
27 confidentiality of the individuals involved.

28 10. The vision screening requirement shall not
29 apply if the vision screening conflicts with a parent's
30 or guardian's genuine and sincere religious belief.

31 11. A person who acts in good faith in complying
32 with this section shall not be civilly or criminally
33 liable for reporting the information required to be
34 reported by this section.

35 12. The department shall adopt rules necessary to
36 administer this section.>

WINCKLER of Scott

MASCHER of Johnson

STECKMAN of Cerro Gordo

HF548.1149 (2) 85
(amending this HF
548 to CONFORM to
SF 419)
je/nh

STUTSMAN of Johnson

HF548.1149 (2) 85
(amending this HF
548 to CONFORM to
SF 419)